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LARK McCARTHY: The CIA held an unprecedented meeting last night inviting its neighbors in McLain to come talk about an expansion that will bring 3,000 more CIA employees to the Fairfax headquarters. Cameras and tape recorders were not allowed, but News 7's Carlos Ramirez took notebook in hand to hear concerns about traffic.

CARLOS RAMIREZ: The CIA headquarters has two entrances, the main gate off of Chain Bridge Road and the entrance on the George Washington Parkway. Residents, many of whom live along Routes 123 and 193, want the new traffic rerouted to the Parkway entrance which they point out it's a federal highway eligible for federal highway funds.

The CIA, which points out that the Parkway at rush hour now is filled to capacity, plans to stagger employees' schedules, offer only 1100 new parking spaces and mandate car pooling in order to alleviate the increase in traffic.

While the meeting was held under restricted conditions, Congressman Frank Wolf, who organized the gathering, believes the CIA now knows how the citizens feel.

CONGRESSMAN FRANK WOLF: We've also gotten a commitment that there will be citizen participation involved. The CIA has been very willing to open it up and to allow the citizens to be involved even before the planning and the consultant begins his work.

RAMIREZ: And area residents who have banded together in an effort to let their concerns be known, sounded optimistic but

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also cautious.

WOMAN: I feel good that we had a turnout from the community. I think they do know that people are concerned and that they heard us. However, I'd like to see how our meetings go from here on.

KENT MAXFIELD: I think it's only the first step of a long series that will have to be taken before anything really changes.

RAMIREZ: Carlos Ramirez, News 7.